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In re Application of: Elliott FARBER)
Application No: 09/939,816) Art Unit: 1617
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Filed: August 27, 2001) Examiner: S. Sharareh
For: Flexible Applicator for Applying Oil-in-Water Emulsion with Improved Stability)))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, Applicant makes the following election of species and requests examination of the application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-72 are pending in the above-captioned application. The Office Action asserts that this application contains two patentably distinct species directed to applicators having mutually exclusive emulsifying systems. The Office Action requires a provisional election, per 35 U.S.C. § 121, of one of the following species:

- (a) Applicators having beeswax and an anionic emulsifier as the emulsifier system (Claims 1-11, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28 30, 32, 34 35, 38, 39, 42-44, 48-56, 59-63, 66-70 and 73-76); and
- (b) Applicators having a non-ionic emulsifier as the emulsifier system (Claims 12-19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 40, 41, 45-47, 57, 58, 64, 65, 71 and 72).

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Applicant hereby elects species (a) Applicators having beeswax and an anionic emulsifier as the emulsifier system. This election of the species of applicators having beeswax and an anionic emulsifier as the emulsifier system reads at least on Claims 1-11, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28 30, 32, 34 35, 38, 39, 42-44, 48-56, 59-63, 66-70 and 73-76.

Conclusion

Applicant hereby elects species (a) Applicators having beeswax and an anionic emulsifier as the emulsifier system reading at least on the above indicated Claims. Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination of these claims.

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